Galveston Texas March 13th 1843-

Dear Sir

Your letter dated Nov. 22d came to hand only a few days ago it had been long detained in New York.

I am hardly prepared to write you such a a letter as I would wish to have laid before the Society your Expresident. I have been here only three months, & during this time have been confined entirely to my charge at Houston, & had no opportunity to visit the interior, though often solicited to do so. I found the Church at H consisting of only fourteen members, but most of them working Christians. Since my arrival we have had one celebration of the Lord's Supper when six were united with us. A religious sentiment is widening among us. Our services are quite numerously attended. The Sabbath School is flourishing & bible class had been organized & is becoming very interesting. We hold also two prayer meetings each week, besides a female Prayer meeting among our members. Perhaps few places in the States of the same size, are doing more for the cause of religion than Houston. Many are inquiring for peace & pardon. We expect a larger accession to our Church at our next communion than ever. We have had something like a revival among us all winter. In the Methodist Church there is withal much excitement now. They are doing much for this cause

they have now seventy ministers in the Republic. Their System seems peculiarly adapted to this region, & they deserve the credit of doing much towards reforming the whole country.

I have been very busy. Preach twice & address & superintend the Sabbath School, & conduct a prayer meeting each Sabbath, besides a weekly lecture & preparation for our bible class each week. It has tried my health but it has not sunk under it but is rather improved since I came.

The winter had been delightful. no snow-storms a frost - vegetables always green, roses always blooming. Our forest have been green as June in the north, for some weeks.

I know of no country more promising for Missionary operations. The harvest is ripe. Two or three efficient men are now wanted to travel & preach, & organize churches in some of the most thickly settled counties. A good teacher & wife would find a pleasant & profitable place today in Montgomery county where they have just finished a brick School-house, & pledge a teacher fifty Scholars paying from 2 to 6 dollars per month. Had we funds we could profitably employ Colporteurs immediately, with a reasonable prospect of their sustaining themselves after the first year.

Presbytery will meet the first of April at Victoria one hundred & fifty miles from

this. Bro Henderson & I will go on horseback & preach on the way. & as we have been heralded by the polical papers we Expect to find an opportunity to preach at Every stage. After our meeting at V. we go up into the interior to fix upon a location for a College & preach our way to San Antonio among the Mexicans, where we wish to Station a Missionary to operate upon Mexican traders. The college is to be located upon the Guadalcupe River. After my return I propose to write to you more fully, giving more Statistics than I can now.

One thing is certain. A moderate tone of piety - little mental training - Sicilism will not do for this country. One meets infidelity here of Every grade men who have been thrown upon their own resources & have more than usual Self Reliance. Here a minister ought to Know Everything I have heard objections here to Christianity which I never dreamt of before. Among my auditors Each Sabbath are men of learning. Indeed the Society of H (better probably than any in Texas) is Educated & Refined far beyond what I Expected.

I can say no more now. I came down yesterday to assist Bro Henderson. Finding a vessel soon to sail for N. York I drop you a hasty note promising a longer communication Soon as I return from Presbytery. Yours &c J. M. Pendleton

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